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Col. John Street's Birthplace

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nimmo

Box 87, Holy Cross Road

Street, Maryland 21154

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI #1312145204

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC Col. Street's Birthplace

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87, Holy Cross Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford County

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nimmo

Telephone #: 452-8570

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87, Holy Cross Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD

21154

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 618

Folio #: 19

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT  
☒GOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

—UNALTERED  
☒ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This bevel frame house, located at the corner of Grier Nursery and Holy Cross Roads in Street, has had many alterations and additions through the years, although the oldest part of this building pre-dates the 1798 Federal Tax List. Now el-shaped, this dwelling was originally a small, rectangular, log structure with a winding staircase in one corner. It is now five bays by one.

The house is built onto a stone foundation which forms a lighted basement. The log section includes the western part of the house. The exterior is covered with frame board. Windows throughout this house are 6 lights over 6. They have louvered shutters. The principal entrance is in the center of the south facade. Sidelights flank this door. The roof is slate covered and has been altered. Now gable flank with a center gable and wide eaves, the roof had had a hip roof, as is shown in photographs around the turn of this century. A corbeled brick chimney is located at each inside gable end as well as on the north end of the el.

The interior of this house reflects the various changes made throughout the house. The west part of the house—the oldest unit—has a wide fireplace and high ceilings. This section consists of one room and a wide through hall. Roman doric columns on moulded pedestals flank the entrance way into the parlor. An open string stairway is located in the north east corner of the hallway.

The east room has a bay containing three windows on the east wall next to a closed up fireplace.

Although the oldest part of this house has been changed quite a bit on the first elevation, evidence remains in the basement and the second elevation of what this structure was originally like. Upstairs in the parlor chamber, a winding stairway leads to the attic. Pegged beams can be seen in this passageway. The door to these stairs is of beaded vertical board. Ovolo back board moulding can be seen in this room. The floor around this attic entrance is patched and it appears that the winding stairway had originally come from the first floor to the second and then continued up to the attic.

In the cellar under the west section is a fireplace support on the west wall. Another supporting arch is located in the southeast corner of this section. This foundation seems to indicate the existance, at one time, of a diagonal fireplace in the southeast corner of the first elevation. Log ceiling beams can be seen in the cellar. Balwin Patent hinges in the cellar seem to indicate some mid nineteenth century alterations.

A large vertical board barn, now el-shaped, is located southwest of the house. The oldest part of this barn measures approximately 83' by 20' 6", an incredibly long building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original unit of this house, added on to and modernized in the late nineteenth century, is now indistinguishable from most victorian type farm houses. The original unit is known, however, to have been standing at the time of the 1798 Federal Tax Assessment.

The house is situated on the tract "Street's Hunting Ground," a tract patented by Thomas Street in 1759. Thomas, John, and David Streett came to America early in the eighteenth century and settled in what is now Northern Harford County. The Street (Streett) family is one of the oldest in that area.

Colonel John Streett, the son of Thomas, is said to have been born at the house on Street's Hunting Ground in 1762. John Streett is credited with the building of the brick house east of this house on the same road.

Colonel Streett distinguished himself through his bravery and efficiency in action during the War of 1812 and as a legislator in the Maryland Assembly.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1783 Maryland Tax List  
 1798 Federal Tax List  
 1814 Maryland Tax List

Preston, Walter W; History of Harford County, Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 160.66 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

This land is bounded by Grier Nursery Road on the east; Holy Cross Road on the south and the property of William C. Wernig on the west.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

Title Search  
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Street, MD 21154

618	19	5/9/1963	Grantor: Opal L. Whiteford, widow and Laura F. Gladden Grantee: Thomas Gladden Nimmo and Isobel Fox, wife Acreage: 160.66	
618	17	5/9/1963	Grantor: Opal L. Whiteford, widow Grantee: Laura F. Gladden	
GRG	549	493	5/10/1960	Grantor: S. Winfield Cain Grantee: Laura F. Gladden Acreage: 181 acres, if Laura dies Thomas and Isobel Nimmo get the property.
GRG	549	491	5/10/1960	Grantor: Laura F. Gladden Grantee: S. Winfield Cain Acreage: 182 acres
SWC	234	128	9/29/1934	Grantor: Charles Fendall Cushing, unmarried Grantee: Thomas S. Gladden and Laura F. Gladden Acreage: 228 acres
SWC	234	127	9/29/1934	Grantor: Thomas S. Gladden and Laura F. Gladden Grantee: Charles Fendall Cushing Acreage: 228 acres
CSW	17	418	2/3/1927	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Mary G. Whiteford, formerly known as Mary V. Gladden Grantee: I bequeath to my son, Thomas S. Gladden all my rest and residue of my estate.
WSF	75	155	12/6/1892	Grantor: Joseph M. Streett and Thomas H. Robinson, trustees Grantee: Mary V. Gladden, sell all that farm called "Genoa" containing 228 acres
WSF	41	176	12/21/1891	Equity: Ann Priseilla Street and others vs. Mary V. Gladden and R. Bailey Hinder and others Joseph M. Streett and Thomas H. Robinson, trustees

JMM	11	166	11/30/1886	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Thomas H. Streett Grantee: To my son Thomas H. Streett, I devise all the rest and residue of my estate and the house.
ALJ	3	118	7/4/1853	Grantor: Thomas Streett and Jane, his wife Grantee: William Streett Acreage: "Street's Hunting Ground" 18 acres 2 roods
ALJ	3	333	7/4/1853	Grantor: William Streett and Sarah J., wife Grantee: Thomas Streett and wife Acreage: 18 acres, 2 roods
HD	7	341	11/4/1834	Grantor: John Streett and Martha, his wife Grantee: Thomas Street of John Acreage: "Genoa"
HD	6	299	4/16/1823	Grantor: John Streett of Thomas Grantee: Samuel Street, heirs Acreage: "Street's Hunting Ground" 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
HD	X	210	2/24/1813	Grantor: Benjamin Street Grantee: Thomas Street, Junior Acreage: "Street's Hunting Ground" 339 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres

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July 6, 1979

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST:

Many thanks for the copies of the certification of the original cabin for the Streett family in Harford County.

I do appreciate your making those copies for me, which I didn't expect assuming I'd make them upon receipt of the form from you. Good of your staff.

From the data included, it seems the references are from the 1895 book published by Henry A. Street and Mrs. Mary A. Street of the Street Association, Exeter, N. H. Legend does bring us the arrival of the three brothers in the early 1700's, but that book evidently missing a generation. According to the records of the St. George's and St. John's Parish Register of Baltimore County, a son Thomas was born to Thomas and Sarah Feller Streett on August 20, 1737, Col. Streett's grandfather. I am descended from his brother Thomas.

Also the Hall of Records in Annapolis gives the date of the deed for Streett's Hunting Ground as November 12, 1791-- you list that as 1759. The Streetts eventually acquired over 2,000 acres in that vicinity and are reputed to be the first in Maryland to breed and run race horses, this insignia shown on its coat of arms.

Many thanks again. . .

*Gladys Carr*

Mrs. L. Warrington Carr  
51 Virginia Avenue  
Edgewater, MD 21037





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Street, MD

Susan M. Deeney

July, 1977

South